

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MARSHA BYRD,

Plaintiff

v.

STATE OF NEVADA, et al.,

Defendants

Case No. 2:25-cv-00029-GMN-MDC

ORDER

On January 7, 2025, pro se plaintiff Marsha Byrd, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections, submitted a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”). (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1). The IFP application is deficient because it is not on this Court’s approved form and failed to include Plaintiff’s financial certificate and inmate trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period.

I. DISCUSSION

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). As of December 1, 2023, the fee for filing a civil-rights action is \$405, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$55 administrative fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.” Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis*

1 status does not relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means
2 that the inmate can pay the fee in installments. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

3 **II. CONCLUSION**

4 It is therefore ordered that Plaintiff's incomplete application to proceed *in forma*
5 *pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is denied without prejudice.

6 It is further ordered that Plaintiff has **until February 24, 2025**, to either pay the full
7 \$405 filing fee or file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all
8 three of the following required documents:

9 (i) a completed application with the inmate's two signatures on page 3,

10 (ii) a completed financial certificate that is signed both by the inmate and
11 the prison or jail official, and

12 (iii) a copy of the inmate's trust fund account statement for the previous six-
13 month period.

14 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if
15 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff
16 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a
17 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

18 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff this Court's approved form
19 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate with instructions.

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21 DATED: January 8, 2025

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25 Hon. Maximiliano D. Couvillier III
26 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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